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Attorney Docket No. 09877.0343-00000

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Antonio Mileo et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2874  
Application No.: 10/522,530 ) Examiner: Chu, Chris H.  
Filed: October 12, 2005 )  
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: 7507  
FOR ELONGATING OF AN )  
OPTICAL FIBRE PREFORM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of September 15, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	21	-	21	1	x \$ 50	\$ 0.00
Indep.	5	-	5	1	x \$200	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	
Subtotal						\$ 0.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- -0-
TOTAL						\$ 0.00

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 28, 2006

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the final Office Action mailed September 15, 2006 and file this Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and associated fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicants respectfully traverse all pending objections and rejections and request reconsideration of the application, as amended.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.